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LOK SABHA

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GRANTS FOR AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provides grants to the State Governments for purchase of agricultural implements and equipments to the farmers;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted therefor;

(c) the details of the States seeking such assistance and the grants released during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether such grants is provided taking into account the prevailing market price of such implements/equipments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. The funds are released to the State Governments for providing subsidy to the farmers for purchase of agricultural implements and equipments. The funds are released based on work plan proposals of each State Governments under the following two major schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation:

1. Revised Macro Management of Agriculture
2. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

The details of funds released to the State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise under these two schemes is given at Annexure-I. The grants are provided as per the extant guidelines of each scheme which envisage providing subsidy @ 25 to 50 percent of the cost of equipment/implement with the ceiling limits. The guidelines of the schemes are periodically revised and while revising the guidelines the prevailing market price of implements/equipments is also taken into account.

Besides, the funds for distribution of selective equipments and implements are also provided under the National Food Security Mission. Funds amounting to Rs.5951.46 lakh, Rs. 23310.67 lakh and Rs. 38314.99 lakhs have been released during the year 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively under this Mission being implemented in 312 identified districts of 17 States.